

NEWSLETTER



WATERFORD, WI

October-December 2009

Calendar of Events

October

- 2-Homecoming parade and game
- 11-Fall Fest downtown Waterford
- 11- Lions Chicken BBQ Whitford Park 11am-6pm
- 11-Waterford Chamber Auction Whit-ford Park 2 pm
- 31-Trick or Treat 5:30-7:30

November

1-American Legion Pancake Break-fast Whitford Park7:30am-Noon

December

- 5-Holiday Tour of Homes start at St. Peter's Church 9am-4pm
- 5-Holiday Square-St. Peter's Church 9am-4pm
- 5-Winter Wonderland Parade 5:30 pm
- 5-Tree Lighting Ceremony at Library with Santa directly following parade



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Let's Talk Trash

Village residents can look forward to some exciting changes when it comes to our weekly trash and recycling collection. Our current contract with Waste Management expires on December 31, 2009. The Village is looking at going "automated". What does this mean for you? Things just got easier! Each resident will receive two 96gallon covered bins on wheels. Not only will this be easier for you to get your trash and recycling bins to the curb, your trash and recyclables will be protected from the elements, eliminating garbage blowing throughout your neighborhood. Due to the size of the bins, residents will be able to place more trash/ recycling items into them reducing the current number of cans and bins being placed at the curbs each week. Of course this service comes with a price tag. Because we were under contract for the past three years, our costs were protected by the contract price. In July, Governor Doyle increased the state tipping fee from \$5.90 to \$13.00 per ton. Wisconsin now has the second highest tipping fees in the United States. Moving forward the that residents will need to Village can expect substantial increases in the weekly cost for trash and recycling pick-up, as well as a cost increase in the dumpsters being used at the drop site.

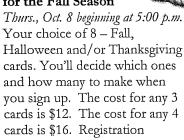
Village personnel have been looking at ways to control some of these expected increases. One way is to eliminate the commercial users use of the routine weekly residential pick-up. A commercial user would be required to contract independently with a disposal service. A commercial user is defined as a building with five or more residential units or a building that con- pany that will provide the tains at least one commercial establishment. Another way to eliminate costs is to change to curbside pick-up for bulky items. This change would help to reduce the costs at the drop site while providing residents with an easier solution for getting rid of those bulky items. You would no longer have to get them to the drop site but only go as far as your curb. Residents would coordinate and pay the Contractor directly for disposal.

Going automated means be aware of the placement of their bins at the curbside. The bins must be placed within 2 feet of the curb and there must be a 6 foot clearance between all other objects. Yes, this will be challenging during the winter months; but Village personnel have faith in our residents that you will be up for the challenge.

Submitted by Ellie Mack, Dept. of Public Works

At the time this article went to print, we do not know who will be awarded the contract. Rest assured, Village personnel is committed to contracting with a combest service for our residents needs while keeping costs in check. During the transition period of going automated, we ask that residents keep in mind that there will be challenges. Village personnel and the Contractor will do our best to address and solve these issues as quickly as possible. So let's get this change rolling and look forward to the positive changes that lie ahead for the Village. ♦

Adult Programs Paper Crafting Classes Greeting Cards for the Fall Season



cards is \$16. Registration deadline is Saturday, October 3rd. You may bring your favorite adhesive or buy it from the instructor.



Save Saturdays for Christmas project fun!

Christmas Cards: Session A

Sat., Nov. 7th, 9:30a.m. - 2:00p.m. or until you have finished You'll make 15 cards (3 of each card—5 different card designs). Cost \$30. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch if you want to stay and work through lunch time. Registration deadline is Saturday, October 31. Bring your favorite adhesive or buy it from the instructor.

Christmas Cards & Tags: Session B

Saturday, November 14, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

You'll make 4 vintage cards and 3 vintage Christmas gift tags. Very little stamping or coloring is needed to make these vintage cards and tags. Cost is \$15 for all of them. Registration deadline is Saturday, November 7. Bring your favorite adhesive or buy it from the instructor. Class size limited to the first 15 people to sign up.

Paper Craft Christmas Ornament

Saturday, Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m. to noon Make a paper craft Christmas ornament which holds a photo of

a special person in your life. Makes a great Christmas gift, too. You may sign up to make as many ornaments as you wish. Indicate your choice of styles. Two styles available. Fee: \$5 for each one you make. Registration deadline is Saturday, November 28. Bring your favorite adhesive, or buy some from the instructor.

Champagne Life on a Beer Budget

Wednesday, Oct 7th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
There's no need to be wealthy to have a wonderful life! Learn to

control your spending while managing your time and energy. Kathi Miller, author of *Clutter Success Secrets*, will share her secret of making small changes to create a truly enjoyable and fulfilling life.



Tuesday, October 20th @. 6:30 p.m. This free event is guaranteed to have you "spooked!" Join Terry Fisk, paranormal investigator for Unexplained Research LLC as he takes us on a tour of Wisconsin's most haunted locations. Just in time for Halloween, you won't want to miss this exciting and haunting presentation given by the coauthor of the Road Guide to Haunted Locations series.

Holiday Appetizers & Desserts Knock-Offs with Staci Joers

Thursday, Nov. 19th 6-8 p.m.
Delight your holiday taste buds when you learn to make
TGI Friday's Spinach Dip,
Maggiano's Stuffed Mushrooms,
Saz's Mozzarella Sticks with
Marinara Sauce, Cracker Barrel's
Double Fudge
Coca-Cola Cake and

Cheesecake Factory's
Chocolate Peanut
Butter Cookie Dough
Cheesecake. Certified
cooking instructor,
Staci Joers will demonstrate
these favorites, provide
samples for tasting and share her
knock-off recipes. Sign up early
because this program fills up
fast! Cost of class is \$20.00
including all materials.

Searching the Internet

Wednesday, October 21st
@10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.
Students will learn to make their searches better through the use of the "Favorites" button, the History" button and downloading from the Internet. Registration is required by is Monday, Oct 12th. Each class is limited to 7 students. Call the library @ 534-3988 to register.

E-mail Part 1

Wednesday, November. 18th @10 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.
Students will learn how to send, receive and reply to messages. E-mail addresses, inboxes and other basic functions of e-mail systems will be discussed. Registration is required by Monday, November 9th. Each class is limited to 7 students. Call the library @ 534-3988 to register.

E-mail Part 2

Wednesday, December 16th @10 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.
Students will learn how to send, receive and reply to messages.
E-mail addresses, inboxes and other basic functions of e-mail systems will be discussed.
Registration is required by Monday, December 7th. Each Class is limited to 7 students each. Call the library @ 534-3988 to register.



Generations Online Computing Class

Wednesdays @ 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. Oct. 28th, Nov. 25th and Dec. 23rd
Train one-on-one with a helpful volunteer trained to coach elders who are new to using a computer. Come learn what Generations Online can do for you. Registration is required.

Generations Online is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing communication among generations by promoting Internet access and computer literacy in elders of the Paper Generation).

Adult Needlework Group



The group meets every week in the Waterford History Room. If you need a little help or have a craft to share, this is the group to join! <u>No registration is required.</u>

Adult Digital Camera Club

3rd Wednesday every month @6:00pm



Do you want instruction, inspiration, support for shooting, and printing help? Join WPL's digital camera club! Club members decide month to month what the next month's topic will be. Call the library at 262-534-3988 to register and find out this month's assignment.



Chainmaille Jewelry Classes

Classes are taught by jewelry design artist **Diane Miller**Samples of all designs are currently on display at the library. Students must bring to each class: 2 jewelry pliers, or one flat nose and one chain nose pliers, or 2 of either. Every class is limited to 8 students, with registration required. Class fees are non-refundable and nontransferable. Call library @ 262-534-3988 to register.

Interrupted Byzantine Bracelet

Monday, October 5, 5:30 – 7:30pm Foundational skills are acquired in this beginning class and will be useful in moving forward in other chainmaille classes. Class fee of \$43 includes enough argentium sterling silver jump rings to create an 8 1/2" bracelet. Students must bring a single strand clasp, in addition to the 2 jewelry pliers specified above.

Skill Level: All levels welcome.

Orbital Weave Bracelet

Monday, November 2, 5:30-7:30pm Learn the orbital weave in this class to create a stunning bracelet of argentium sterling silver. Class fee of \$43 includes enough jump rings to create an 8 1/2" bracelet. Students must bring a single strand clasp, in addition to the 2 jewelry pliers specified above.

Skill Level: Advanced beginner. Students should have previous basic chainmaille experience.

Butterfly Weave Bracelet

Monday, December 7, 5:30-7:30pm Recap the basics of weaving with jump rings and then learn the butterfly weave to fashion this beautiful design. Class fee of \$43 includes enough argentium sterling silver jump rings to create an 8 1/2" bracelet. Students must bring a single

strand clasp, in addition to the 2 jewelry pliers specified earlier. **Skill Level:** Advanced beginner. Students should have previous basic chainmaille experience.

Adult Book Club 2009

Please call to reserve your seat.

Discussions begin at 6:15 PM on the following Wednesday evenings:

10/28 – The Road, by Cormac McCarthy 12/1 – The World Without Us, by Alan Weisman Books are available or can be reserved at the circulation desk.



to everyone who supported the 2nd Friends of the Library Wine Tasting Party in July. Many of you sold tickets, donated food trays and volunteered your time or tents for our use that night. The event was attended by almost 150 people and once again the Friends raised over \$1500 for the library collection. Thanks for your support!

FRIENDS SHOP

Fall into autumn by shopping at our library store. You'll find seasonal and holiday craft kits and ready-made items for all ages on sale at reasonable prices. Items include children's jewelry, stamps, magnets, stickers, ornaments and much more. The selection changes monthly so check us out often for new selections. The shop is located in the copy machine area-right across from the library's check-out desk. Proceeds go toward the enhancement and benefit of the Waterford Library. This is a fun way to support your library!



DONATIONS - 3rd Quarter The Dolge Family The MacDonald Clan Roundy's Supermarkets Inc. In honor of Tony Clements Steve Becker memorial Ruth Stalbaum memorial Sharon Pyne memorial

These donations and memorials grant the library the ability to enhance our collection and improve the library building beyond what our budget allows. We appreciate the generosity of our many donors.

Grand Re-Opening Celebration!

The library will be celebrating the completion of our expansion project during the week of *November* 9-14.

Sing & Celebrate ABC Music & Me

Monday, November 9th @9:30 This program will be followed by tours of the library for children and their caretakers. Tours offered for children after school at 4.00.

Things are Looking Up @ the Library

Tuesday, Nov. 10 @ 6:00 p.m.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony followed by a showing of the Disney/Pixar movie UP!

Be a Part of the Story

Wednesday, November 11th & Thursday, November 12th
Preschool Storytimes offered at 10 & 10:45 followed by tours of the library for children and their caretakers.

After School Tours

offered for children @ 4:00 p.m.

Book signing - In Service

Wednesday, Nov.11 @ 6:00 p.m. Local author, Judy Spencer will share her personal journey toward living a life <u>In Service</u>. Refreshments and a book signing will follow.

Jump up and Join the Party!

Saturday, November 14th

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Hey kids! Visit the

new Teen Area.

This event is a

celebration

exclusively for

children 12 and up.

Snacks and music provided!



Children's Programs Lap-Sit Story times

October 14 & 15 or 21 & 22

November 4 & 5 or 18 & 19

December 2 & 3 or 16 & 17

Lap-Sit Storytimes are available to all children under three-years-old with their caregiver.

Storytime includes sign language, stories, finger plays, and songs for toddlers.

Pre-School Storytime

October 14, 15, 21, & 22



November 4 & 5, 11 & 12 December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 Children ages 3

to 5 are welcome to attend. Sessions run for 30 minutes and will include sign language, stories, songs, fingerplays, movement and a craft.

The three-year-old session will be at 10:00 and the four-year-old session will be held at 10:45. Registration is required. Sign up in the library or by phone.

Family Story Times

Due to construction, family storytime will not be held in October. A special family movie event will be held on Tuesday, November 10th in lieu of family storytime as a part of the grand re-opening of the remodeled library. December's storytime will be held on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30. We will plan on reading our favorite holiday stories by the Christmas tree.

ABC Music & Me

It's musical Mondays @ Waterford Library beginning November 9 at 9:30. This six-week program for parents and their pre-school aged children provides a fun way to sing, listen, move, play, learn, and build early literacy and language skills. There is no cost for the program. This program is sponsored by Love, Inc. and Family Smart/Kid Friendly Partnership. Music is provided from Kindermusik International. For more information contact Linda Breuer, Children's Resource Coordinator at Love, Inc. at 763-6226 or Tricia at The Waterford Library at 534-3988 ext. 13.

Save the Date! 8th Annual Village Christmas

Tree-lighting at the Library following the

Winter Wonderland Parade Saturday, December 5th @ 6:00pm

First Draft of Design Guidelines Reviewed on October 5!

The Ad Hoc Design Guideline Committee is ready to view the first draft of design guidelines for the properties within the Heritage District located on Main Street, approximately between Milwaukee Street and Water Street. What are design guidelines? Design guidelines can inspire and give direction to business owners and homeowners who want to maintain the aesthetic quality of downtowns. Guidelines encourage good design for items such as signage and façade improvements that provide a consistent architectural character for exterior alternations, redevelopments and new

construction.

In August the Committee reviewed case studies from other downtown areas. Later they reviewed the architectural elements of Waterford's downtown area, and then provided CDS, the consultant, with recommendations on elements for the guidelines. On October 5 the Committee will review the first draft of the guidelines. They will also review possible implementation options and regulatory tools that would assist the implementation process.

On November 2 CDS will use the guidelines and dress some of the

existing buildings in the downtown area conforming to the guidelines. See the pictures below to get an idea of what they will be presenting for Waterford. This will allow the Committee, business and property owners to see how their building or storefront could look in the future.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee to provide their thoughts and input. The Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. For more information, please contact Administrator Rebecca Ewald at 534-3980. ◆





Waterford Area Schools to Celebrate International Walk to School Day



The Waterford Graded School District, including St. Peter's and St. Thomas, will once again be joining schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 7th, 2009. Faculty and Village Staff have been working hard to prepare for this event. This year we will even have celebrity walkers! Scott Gunderson is joining the event to walk with the students

that day.

Last years event had over 800 walkers from all of the schools with music from the Fox River Middle School Band and Chorus , volunteers from local businesses and Village trustees and even police escort from the local police department and Racine County Sherriff's department.

Walk to school events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion and building connections between families, schools and community.

If you have children in school, be sure to watch your schools newsletter and their backpacks for more information on the event. A bike to school day is also being planned for the spring. Volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteer-



ing for the event, contact Vikki Zuehlke, Village Clerk at 534-3924. ◆

Trick or Treat

Get your cabinets stocked with treats or you'll suffer the wrath of the tricksters! Trick or Treating will be on October 31 in the Village from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The Town of Waterford's Trick or Treating is on October 31 from 5-7:30 p.m. . Remember to dress in costumes that are easy to walk in, opt for face paint over masks, carry a

lit item such as a flashlight, DO NOT eat any candy until it is inspected, NEVER enter a house, WALK don't run and stay on sidewalks. Check out this list of safety tips on the internet before the big day:

http://www.sosnet.com/Safety/ halloween.tip.html

Have fun but stay safe so you can enjoy all the candy! The Waterford Fire and Rescue and Police Department will be out and about handing out treats. ♦



Winter...just around the corner



Winter will be here soon and the snow will be flying, which may be a welcome sight to many because that means the bees will be

gone! Following are a few reminders for the winter season:

Snow and ice needs to be removed from the sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of any storm.

The owner or occupant should clear the sidewalk and sprinkle the sidewalk with salt or sand to prevent it from being slippery and safer for pedestrians. You can receive a ticket from the police department without prior notice if you do not clean up after a storm.

Please do not push snow from driveways, sidewalks and public areas into or across public roadways. If owners or occupants push

snow into public roadways, it makes it hazardous for vehicles and more time consuming for Public Works crew to clean up.

Adopt a fire hydrant during the winter months. The Fire Department requests that if you have a fire hydrant located in front of your property, to please keep it clear of snow buildup. This will aid in the location of the hydrant for fire fighting.♦

Join Us for Family Fun Fest!!

Come on out and stroll the historic streets of downtown Waterford. Visit Artists and Crafters along the banks of the Fox River and enjoy a variety of family friendly entertainment throughout the day at 10-Club Park. Rake in the saving with Sidewalk Sales and shop Artists and Crafters in 10-Club Park. Enter for complimentary raffles at participating downtown businesses. Family friendly surprises throughout the day. There will be snack foods

and beverages and enjoy Live Music in tato Chips, Dessert & Beverage. Tickthe 10-Club Band Shell

WATERFORD LIONS CHICKEN 24TH ANNUAL CHAMBER **BBQ**

Hop onto the "Hayride Shuttle" and visit Whitford Park where the Lions Club is hosting their famous Chicken Barbecue, running from 11am to 6pm. They will also be offering a hot dog plate including Hotdog and Bun, Poets available at the WACC office.

LIVE AUCTION

At exactly 2pm at Whitford Park the excitement intensifies, as the bidding begins. The Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a LIVE Auction. There will be items for every-



Daylight Savings Time ends November 1st. "Fall Back" and change your clocks back one hour. It 's also a good time to

check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

ODD/EVEN Parking is required the Village

Tip: Use house numbers to determine odd/even sides. If parking before midnight, park for whatever the date is after midnight. Violations are cited between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The fine is \$20 and increases to \$25 if paid more than 5 days after the date of the citation.



WATER & SEWER UTILITY



The Village Water & Sewer Utility is located at 801 Ela Avenue, under the water tower in the Industrial Park. The office is open 7:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Please feel free to stop in or call us at 534-4069 if you have any questions about your account or about Utility operations.

SEASONAL RESIDENTS WATER & SEWER



off, the new Public Service Commission rate schedule states a resident will pay the quarterly meter charge. A resident is still able to request the Utility to turn off the service at no charge. The resident will pay a reconnection charge during normal working hours in the amount of \$25.00 per schedule number the sewers from sump pumps in pri-

BW-1, amendment number 19 effective 1/1/2009.

Here are several suggestions you can use to conserve water and save money on your water and sewer bills:

Fix any dripping or leaking faucets. A day. Yes, that is 800 gallons!

Check toilets for leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. Leave it sit for several hours or overnight. If water in the toilet bowl changes color before it is flushed, it can mean that the seal between the tank and the bowl is leak-

Install a low-flow showerhead with a maximum flow rate of 2.5 gallons per minute or less. These are available in many styles, including the water massage type. You will cut your bathroom water use by 30 to 50 percent, and you heat the extra water.

Remember that it is most effective to morning or early evening hours when the building for after hour payments. evaporation is at a minimum.

Set sprinklers so as not to water hard surfaces such as driveways and roadways.

SUMP PUMP VIOLATIONS



During heavy rains, the Utility experiences large increase in sanitary sewer flows. Much of this is due to groundwater entering

vate homes. Many people are unaware that it is illegal to discharge a sump pump, roof drain or any other source of groundwater into the sanitary sewer system. Unnecessarily high flows result in higher costs to all users. With your cooperation, we can keep these steady drip from a leaky faucet will use costs down. Check your sump pump as much as 800 gallons of water per to make sure that it is not pumping into the sanitary sewer. If your sump pump is running to a floor drain, or is connected to the sewer in any way, it must be redirected to run out on to the ground. Violators are subject to fines as high as \$500 per day.

BILLING DATES



Water and sewer bills are mailed quarterly, usually about one week before 1 January, April, July and October. Payment is

due on the 20th of each of these will conserve the energy required to months. To avoid a 3% penalty, payment must be received or postmarked by the due date. You may mail the payment, pay in person at the Utility water lawns and gardens in the early office or use the drop box in front of

COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Water & Sewer Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Utility office at 801 Ela Avenue. Special meetings may



be held occasionally to discuss important issues. Meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend and offer comments and suggestions.



Please do not discard old medication by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash. Save them in their original containers in a safe place. The Western Racine County Health Department is offering a medication drop off site, see the advertisement on page 9 of the newsletter. They will accept old medication and prescription, including pet medication so they can be disposed of safely. This service is free of charge. Please help to keep our water safe and healthy now and in the future.

News you can use from the Clerk/Treasurer's Office

Have you ever thought about getting involved in your community and wondered what you could do to make a difference? Well, we have many opportunities for you to volunteer your time...some position you may even get paid for. If you see something on this list that interests you, please go to our website at

www.vi.waterford.wi.gov and complete a Talent Bank Questionnaire or call Vikki Zuehlke, Village Clerk at 534-3924.

Trustees - Poll Workers - Office help - Downtown Beautification - Committee Member - Library

- Tax bills will be sent out mid December. The Treasurer's office does not have any information on your tax bill at this time. If you have questions regarding the previous years taxes you may give us a call or visit Racine County's website at www.racineco.com.
- There have been a number of complaints of illegal burning and now that fall is here and the leaves will be falling we would like to remind residents that open Burning Hours are between 12-7. Do not burn wet, combustible rubbish, garbage, plastic, rubber, as-

phalt, oily substances or any materials that will create dense smoke or cause a nuisance. The fire must be 10 ft. from the property line & 30 feet from any structure. Burning is prohibited when the DNR has issued an ozone alert. Please do not burn your leaves/garbage in the streets.

- Odd/Even Parking is required in the Village. It's especially important in the winter months when our DPW crew needs to get out to plow after a snow storm. Tip: Use house numbers to determine odd/even sides. If parking before midnight, park for whatever the date is after midnight. Violations are cited between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- All Village of Waterford residents owning a cat or dog that is older than six months are required by Village Ordinance to purchase a pet license. 2010 licenses can be purchased between December 15, 2009 and March 31, 2010. Village Ordinance limits each household to two pets and requires a special permit for a third. Watch your tax bills for fee information.
- Clean up after your pets. While out walking your dog, please take

- an extra moment to pick up after your pet and respect the property of others. Most dog owners are conscientious about their responsibility, but those who are not spoil it for everyone. Please help keep Waterford clean
- Streetlights in the Village are owned and maintained by WE Energies. If you notice a street light that is burned out, cycling on and off, or not working properly, please call the Department of Public Works: 534-4069 or you can report the information directly to www.weenergies.com/night_aura/index.htm.. When reporting defective street lights it is important that you provide the following information:

POLE NUMBER
PROPERTY ADDRESS
POLE LOCATION





WATERFORD COUNTS

2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Complete Count Committees: A History of Making a Difference for the Census Bureau

Since the 1980 Census, CCCs have played a major role in raising awareness of the census among all groups and populations. The expertise, influence, knowledge and experience of CCC members are resources that are invaluable to a successful enumeration. State and Local Government CCCs are constructed of community members appointed by the highest elected officials of a tribal, state, county or local governments, while Community CCCs are teams of community leaders and/or organizations brought together to design an outreach plan for hard-to count areas or populations in their community. All three are driven to develop and implement census awareness campaigns that motivate every resident to complete their census questionnaire thoroughly and return it in a timely manner.

Kewaskum Picks Waterford for First Impressions

First Impressions was developed two professors from The University of Wisconsin – Extension to provide an unbiased and unique perspective of the community prior to beginning any planning for the future. The program also offers a structured opportunity to learn about the strengths and weaknesses of other similar communities. The results from a First Impressions visit can serve as the basis for community action.

All communities have difficulties in viewing their surroundings as others see them (customers, visitors, potential residents, and potential businesses). Our views are skewed by over familiarization, lack of differing perspectives and expectations, and a reluctance to be completely honest with our neighbors when dealing with difficult issues (i.e. the appearance of buildings, customer service, and maintenance of public facilities).

This community improvement program, which emerged over fifteen

years ago, was a compilation of ideas, experiences and thoughts of two people (Andy Lewis and James Schneider) who focused on improving the communities of Grant County Wisconsin. Since that time, it has been used by hundreds of communities as a tool for assessing the perceptions of visitors. Print materials for users of the program were updated in 2007.

How Does It Work?

Volunteers from two somewhat similar communities (size, location, county seat, etc.) agree to do unannounced exchange visits and then report on their findings. Participants become "secret shoppers" for the day to discover what they can about their sister city. They follow procedures and reporting guidelines in a fully developed "Exchange Team Members Guide Booklet", which is copied for each participant. The guide helps insure that the evaluations and reports are thorough and somewhat uniform and minimize the training of volunteers.

Waterford has picked the First Impressions team from several members of the community which include a life long resident of Waterford, business owners, new resident of Waterford, a college student and Chamber members. The Village Clerk will be compiling the information written by the members on their visit and will be presenting the findings to Kewaskum on a date yet to be determined. The cost of this is all free to the community except for the time it takes to travel to the sister community.

Watch the Waterford Post and Village Newsletter for the announcement of the meeting where someone from Kewaskum's First Impression team will present their findings. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. It's sure to be an exciting meeting filled with great suggestions and ideas for our community.

If you have questions, please call Vikki Zuehlke, Clerk at 534-3924.◆

Medicine Collection Day

A Prescription for Clean Water & Safe Kids

sunscreens

NEVER flush or pour unused medicine down the drain. Bring it to the RACINE COUNTY MEDICINE COLLECTION DAY.

SATURDAY, OCT 17, 2009

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

6200 21ST Street, Racine

(North of Sam's Club)

&

156 E. State Street, Burlington (Western Racine Co. Health Dept location)

Illegal drugs, Biohazardous Material, Needles/Sharps,

Personal Care Products-shampoo, soaps, lotions, are

You Can Bring: Do NOT Bring:

Prescription Medication & Over the Counter Medication. Ointments, sprays, inhalers, creams, vials and pet medications acceptable.

- Keep all medication in original bottles
- Cross out your name but leave the name of the medication visible
- Put all medication in a sealed bag

For more information contact:

City of Racine Health Department (262) 636-9203 Caledonia/Mt. Pleasant Health Department (262) 835-6429 Western Racine County Health Department (262) 763-4930



Pandemic Influenza: Are you prepared?

As fall approaches, so does the seasonal flu season. Seasonal influenza, flu, is a respiratory illness. Symptoms include fever, headache, dry cough, fatigue, sore throat, chills and body aches. Influenza is spread person to person through respiratory droplets put in the air from coughing or sneezing or touching surfaces, such as doorknobs, that have the virus on them. Each year 5% to 20% of people in the U.S will get the seasonal flu and on average 36,000 will die from it.

In recent months, the term "pandemic influenza" has been in the media spotlight. A pandemic is a global outbreak of a new disease. The biggest concern is most people have little to no immunity to the new virus causing the pandemic. It is estimated that 30% to 50% of the population in the U.S. would get the pandemic flu. The symptoms of a pandemic influenza are similar to those of the seasonal influenza. The level of illness is dependent upon the virus and could range from

mild to severe.

In April the globe began to see cases of a new virus called H1N1. The symptoms of this virus have shown to be typically mild in regularly healthy individuals. Throughout the world thousands of people were becoming ill and hundreds were dying. Although the U.S. case counts have slowly declined, it is predicted that a second wave of illness will come this fall/ winter. Public health is working hard to prepare for this second wave, and individuals should do the same.

There are simple things everyone can do to avoid getting sick. Hand washing remains one of the most important lines of defense against illness. Waterless hand sanitizer is an acceptable alternative if soap and water are not available. Second, use a tissue to cough or sneeze to limit the spread of the virus. If tissue is not available cough or sneeze into your sleeve. It is also recommended that individuals ill

with fever should stay home from work or school and avoid other people until they are better.

An annual flu vaccine is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get the flu and lessen the chance that you will transmit to others. The seasonal flu vaccine is estimated to become available early September. Everyone is encouraged to get the seasonal vaccine as soon as possible.

The seasonal flu vaccine will not provide protection against the H1N1 virus. The Federal Government is working closely with vaccine manufacturers to develop the H1N1 vaccine. It is projected to be available in the early winter of 2009. The Federal Government will decide who will get the vaccine first.

For more information on H1N1 please visit www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov or call the Western Racine County Health Department at (262) 763-4929.◆

Volunteers Needed to help with Vaccine administration.



Local health departwith administering H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available. We are looking for licensed

and non licensed volunteers to assist with registration, data entry, clinic operations and administering vaccine.

Clinics are projected to run on Saturday If interested please go to ments have been tasked or Sundays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. throughout the fall and early win- "Volunteers Needed" Survey Monkey ter. Volunteers are asked to work an 8 Link. hour shift minimum. All volunteers are eligible to receive the H1N1 vaccine.

> All that volunteer will be subject to is a background check. All medical creden-ment; (262) 763-4930 tials will be reviewed and verified.

www.wrchd.org and click on the

Thank you in advance,

Western Racine County Health Depart-

Western Racine County Residents FREE IMMUNIZATIONS!! Thursday October 29, 2009 At 156 E State Street Burlington 9am-3pm Administration Fee is waived NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

Other Western Racine County Immunizations & Free Blood Pressure Clinics at Waterford Public Library October 19, November 16 and December 21

Administration Fee: \$10 Resident-\$30 max for resident family \$15 Non Resident-\$45 maximum for non resident Family Blood Pressure is FREE Children's vaccines available for administration fee only: Chicken Pox, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hib Meningitis, HPV, Measles, Meningococcal, Mumps, Pertussis, Pneumococcal, Polio, Rotavirus, Rubella, Tetanus, and Influenza (in season).

Adult's vaccines available: Tetanus (available for administration fee only), Hepatitis B (\$40 plus administration fee) and TB Skin Test (\$10 plus administration fee, must call 24 hours in advance to schedule).

??"s Western Racine County Health Department at 262-763-4930 or 800-688-4930 www.wrchd.org

2009 Flu & Pneumonia Immunizations

Clinics offer vaccinations to people age 9 and up. (Children 9 through 17 must be accompanied by a parent) Flu is a contagious disease that causes a lot of illness, hospitalizations and deaths. This year is twice as challenging with seasonal flu and H1N1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reminds us that seasonal flu vaccine is just as important as H1N1. Protection from both requires separate vaccinations. Since flu strains change from year to year, it is necessary to be vaccinated annually. All the viruses in the vaccine have been killed, so people CANNOT get the flu from a flu shot.

- Medicare Part B and Medicaid cover the cost of flu and pneumonia vaccinations. For people not on Medicare or Medicaid, the charge is \$30 for a flu shot and \$45 for a pneumonia shot. Payment must be made by cash or check. (Checks to Aurora Visiting Nurse Association, or VNA.)
- Influenza vaccine without thimerosal preservative is available for \$35 per shot at the clinics located at the Aurora VNA, 11333 W. National Ave. in West Allis as long as supplies last.
- FluMist is a needle-free flu vaccine a gentle nasal mist delivered into each nostril. FluMist is a weakened live virus vaccine and is available only to people from ages 2-49 years of age. Certain healthrelated restrictions apply. The Aurora VNA is making FluMist available for \$35 to individuals age nine and older at the clinics located at the Aurora VNA, 11333 W. National Ave. in West Allis as long as supplies last.
- Additional clinics can be found at www.aurorahealthcare.org/services/vna or by calling 800-862-2201.

October 7	10 A - 2 P	Aurora Medical Center	10400 75th St. Kenosha
October 12	10 A - 2 P	Aurora Health Center	818 Forrest Lane Waterford
October 13	10 A - 2 P	Aurora Health Center	818 Forrest Lane Waterford
October 13	10 A - 2 P	Stinebrink's Piggly Wiggly	100 East Geneva Square Lake Geneva
October 14	10 A - 2 P	Sentry	156 S. Pine St. Burlington
October 14	10 A - 2 P	Potter's Piggly Wiggly	2201 E. Rawson Ave. Oak Creek
October 20	10 A - 2 P	Sentry	156 S. Pine St. Burlington
October 21	10 A - 2 P	Aurora Pharmacy	25320 75th St. Paddock Lake
October 22	10 A - 2 P	Aurora Health Center	8348 Washington Ave. Racine
October 23	10 A - 2 P	Aurora Wellness Center	300 McCanna Pkwy. Burlington
October 31	10 A - 2 P	Aurora Pharmacy	700 N Lake St. Twin Lakes
November 5	8 A - 1 P	Showboat Movie Theater - Health Fair	2565 Sate Rd. 120 Lake Geneva
November 7	10 A - 2 P	Sentry	156 S. Pine St. Burlington
November 9	3 - 7 PM	Aurora Wellness Center	300 McCanna Pkwy. Burlington
November 16	10 A - 2 P	Aurora Medical Center	10400 75th St. Kenosha
November 17	10 A - 2 P	Grand Geneva Resort & Spa	7036 Grand Geneva Way Lake Geneva
November 18	3 - 7 PM	Potter's Piggly Wiggly	2201 E. Rawson Ave. Oak Creek
December 2	10 A - 2 P	Aurora Pharmacy	210 S. Pine St. Burlington

Western Racine County Health Dept will be offering flu mist/vaccine for a \$10 administration fee to Western Racine County CHILDREN (6 months through the age of 18) at the following locations:

(PLEASE CALL FOR AVAILABILITY 262-763-4930)

Western Racine County Health Dept. 156 East State Street Burlington 2nd Wed. 4 to 6 pm 3rd Wed. 9 to 10 am

4 to 6 pm 9 to 10 am 4 to 6 pm 4th Thurs.

Dover Town Hall 4110 S. Beaumont Avenue Kansasville 3rd Tues. even months 5 to 6 pm

Waterford Library 101 N River Street Waterford 3rd Mon. 5 to 7 pm

Norway Town Hall 6419 Heg Park Road Wind Lake

4th Mon. odd months 5 to 6 pm

Pregnancy Prevention & STD Clinic

Racine Community Health Center and 156 E State Street, Burlington. Western Racine County Health Department are proud to announce a new collaboration providing low cost Pregnancy Prevention and Sexual Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinics in Burlington!

These low cost clinics will be held on the second Monday of each month from 9am to 1pm starting September 14, 2009 at the Western Racine County Health Department located at

Pregnancy Prevention services will include an exam, pap smear, and written prescription for \$90. STD Testing will include an exam, lab work, and written prescription for \$25. Cash, check, or insurances will be accepted. Pregnancy tests for residents of western Racine County will continue to be

Cheryl Mazmanian, Director/Health

Officer of Western Racine County Health Department said, "In 2008 western Racine County had 63 reported cases of Chlamydia alone, an increase of six percent from 2007. These low cost services are sorely needed in western Racine County and certainly will be a welcome benefit for our residents!"

To schedule an exam or for more information please call 262-763-4930. ♦

Administrator	534-3980	Village Board: 2nd & 4th Monday each month in	
Clerk or Treasurer	534-3980	the Village Hall, 123 N. River Street 6:30 P.M.	
Library	534-3988		
Public Works	534-4069	Finance Committee: 2nd Monday of each month	
Water/Sewer	534-4069	in the Village Hall, 123 N. River Street 5 P.M.	
EMERGENCY SEWER (after hours)	534-2511	Water & Sewer Commission: 2nd Wednesday each month, DPW Building, 801 Ela Ave. 6 P.M.	
EMERGENCY FIRE/RESCUE/POLI	CE 911		
Day Shift Police Officer (Non emergency)	534-3911		
Racine Co. Non-Emergency	534-2511	Plan Commission: 3rd Wednesday each month,	
Safety Building	534-3911	Village Hall, 123 N. River Street 6 P.M.	
(Fines & Court Information)			
Fire/Rescue Information	534-5930	Community Development Authority: 1st Monday	
(Non-emergency)		as needed, Village Hall, 123 N. River Street 6 P.M.	
Rescue Billing Questions	514-5930	Personnel Committee: 3rd Monday of each month,	
Fire Chief	514-7019	as needed, Village Hall, 123 N. River Street 7:30 A.M.	
Fire Inspectors	534-6623		
	534-3655		
Building & Plumbing Inspector	534-7911	Public Works Committee: 3rd Monday of each	
Electrical Inspector	534-3981	month, Village Hall, 123 N River Street.	
Community Health Dept.	763-4930	4 P.M.	
Tax Assessor	534-3003	I'I D 1 CM . 2 1M 1 1	
Time Warner Cable	1-800-933-4662	Library Board of Trustees: 2nd Tuesday each month in the Library History Room. 4:30P.M.	
Waste Management	1-800-640-5571		
Waterford Post Office	534-3255		

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Daylight Savings is on November 1ST at 2 a.m. this year!!! Don't forget to set your clocks back!!

